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TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

Ephraim Elliott, services as selectman from March 1, 1883, to March 1, 1884,	$59.00
C. H. Kendall, services as selectman from March 1, 1883, to March 1, 1884,	38.50
Hiram Merrill, services as selectman from March 1, 1883, to March 1, 1884,	30.50
E. G. Guilford, S. S. C. for 1883,	25.00
J. E. Pattee, supervisor,	4.45
V. G. Durgin, supervisor,	4.50
G. W. Fifield, treasurer,	30.00
Joseph Parker, overseer of the poor,	25.00
John A. Sanborn, town-clerk,	20.00
Auditors' services,	4.50
	$241.45

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Received of state treasurer, for bounties,	$18.80
" " literary fund,	96.90
" " savings-bank tax,	46.61
" " R. Road, tax,	8.75
" Hiram C. Bean estate,	26.00
" county, for support of paupers,	50.00
	$247.06

TOWN DEBT, DUE ON NOTES.

Emily Durgin,	$106.00
Carter Foss,	1,590.00
Rilla C. Sanborn,	182.00
Judith Foss,	564.00
Mahala Foss,	460.00
Lydia Woodbury,	409.00
Sarah J. Woodbury,	122.00
B. L. Peaslee,	151.00
A. B. Jackman,	29.00
Lizzia M. Woodbury,	6.00
Ida F. Woodbury,	5.25
Milton Woodbury,	17.00
Betsy S. Page,	113.00
Rufus E. Sanborn,	27.00
May E. Richards,	69.00
C. Tucker,	32.00
	$3,882.25

ASSETS.

In treasurer's hands, March 1, 1884,	$991.01
overseer's hands, "	3.70
Due from state, for bounties,	17.95
" collector, 1880,	85.00
" " 1881,	70.00
" " 1882,	542.00
" " 1883.	2,687.16
" " " highway tax, 1882,	90.00
	$4,486.82

AMOUNT OF TOWN DEBT.

Due on town notes,	$3,882.25
" bonds,	21,351.45
" coupons, Jan. 1, 1884,	67.50
	$25,301.20
Deduct assets,	4,486.82
Balance due (total debt),	$20,814.38
Taylor fund in town of Thornton,	$1,045.67
School " "	1,312.50

The wash-out of June, 1883, made the town extra expense of about $300.

Reduction of town debt for 1883, $1,500.00

EPHRAIM ELLIOTT,
A. H. KENDALL,
HIRAM MERRILL,
Selectmen of Thornton.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

GEORGE W. FIFIELD, TREASURER,
In account with the town of Thornton, DR.

Cash in the treasury March 1, 1883,	$654.61
Received of selectmen,	247.06
" collector, 1879,	2.85
" " 1880,	9.25
" " 1881,	32.00
" " 1882,	2,902.47
" " 1883,	3,170.68
	$7,018.92

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Paid on coupon, 1883,	$18.75
" " 1884,	1,008.75

Paid on notes,	$1,655.14
" orders,	3,345.27
In the treasury, March 1, 1884,	991.01
	$7,018.92

SCHOOL MONEY.

District No. 1,	$113.96
" 2,	143.78
" 4,	95.61
" 5,	143.00
" 6,	83.48
" 7,	41.00
" 8,	47.00
" 9,	67.53
" 11,	52.80
" 12,	37.34
	$825.50

A. Bowen, labor on the Gordon bridge,	$2.00
Charles Elliott, 1 sheep killed by dog,	~~2.00~~ 2 00
Weeks, Campbell & Co., timber for Gordon bridge,	.92
George W. Fifield, 1 sheep killed by dog,	~~2.00~~ 2 00
Wm. H. Gordon, 1 sheep killed by dog,	~~2.00~~ 2 00
F. M. Marden, labor on road for 1881 and 1882,	8.50
Miron J. Hazeltine, services as auditor, 1882,	1.50
H. M. Fifield, " " "	1.00
Miron W. Hazeltine, printing reports for 1883,	13.50
A. D. Muchmore, damage to horse in bridge, 1882,	20.00
J. B. Sanborn, books and blanks,	8.50
Town of Plymouth, expense for vaccinating R. R. laborers,	3.00
C. C. Shores, care of town-house, 1882,	5.00
John Foster, sheep killed by dogs,	~~3.00~~ 3 00
Alexander M. Morse, breaking roads,	7.41
Albert Benton, " "	2.00
W. H. Whitney, " "	1.75
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Charles Shores, sheep killed by dogs,	3.00
J. B. Sanborn, " "	12.00
Henry Johnson, breaking roads,	3.48
Charles P. Sargent, sheep killed by dogs,	5.50
Wm. Sargent, labor on road,	11.40
B. L. Peaslee, "	1.08
James N. Wait, sheep killed by dogs, and damage on sled,	6.00
D. F. Peaslee, plank for highway,	3.48
Philip and C. W. Hart, labor on road,	7.42
John Titus, " 1883,	4.77
L. F. Kendrick, shovelling snow, 1882,	5.40
John Elliott, work on road, 1882, 1883,	16.76
Joseph Parker, overseer of the poor,	50.00
Charles F. Dow, breaking roads, 1882, 1883,	7.34
J. T. Bradley, labor on road, 1883,	14.75
C. F. Plumer, lumber and plank, 1882, 1883,	21.48
A. A. Straw, labor on highway, 1882,	7.17
Augustus and Hiram Merrill, labor on highway, 1883,	11.94
Philip Hart, labor on road,	18.00
S. D. Fadden, building bridge,	21.00
Joseph Parker, plank for Marden bridge,	19.00
A. F. Woodbury, school-house tax, 1883,	5.00
Daniel Peaslee, bear bounty,	10.00
James N. Wait, bridge plank for Fifield bridge,	15.80
A. H. Kendall, board of town officers, 1883,	14.00
John F. Emmons, plank and lumber,	100.00
Daniel Peaslee, building abutments,	16.00
Warren G. Chase, building road to Chase's mill,	175.00
John F. Emmons, plank and lumber,	49.98
Solon A. Carter, state tax, 1883,	388.00
A. B. Demeritt, perambulating town line,	4.50
E. G. Guilford, part pay for superintending school committee,	15.00
P. B. Watson, county tax,	598.77
Jacob Percival, use of watering-trough, 1883,	3.00

Jules M. Fox, for breaking roads to date,	$9.60
Jules M. Fox, in full for work on road,	2.00
Lewis Loveland, for labor on road, 1882,	4.00
John Titus, breaking road to date,	2.04
Philip Hart, in full to date,	13.68
Wm. T. Snow, labor on road to date,	13.70
B. F. Peaslee, labor, and damage going through field,	10.50
Wm. Barrett, for watering-trough and labor on road, 1883,	8.00
Joseph Parker, labor on road from 1883–'84 to date,	78.70
C. F. Plumer, for plank,	3.30
A. Robie, school money due the town of Campton,	~~14.96~~
J. R. Foss, for bolts,	2.25
A. Darling, labor on road, 1883,	5.04
B. M. B. Selingham, school money, 1883,	~~5.50~~
G. R. Tucker, labor on road to date,	2.70
Wm. Sargent, breaking roads to date,	2.00
B. M. B. Selingham, 1 day with auditors,	1.50
J. P. Mason, use of watering-trough,	3.00
John Johnson, for lumber and damage,	2.00
F. M. Marden, watering-trough and lumber,	7.15
C. H. Bryant, labor on highway,	3.84
Hiram and Augustus Merrill, labor on road to date,	20.50
E. F. Emerson, casket and robe for Hiram Bean,	~~26.00~~
Ephraim Elliott, money paid out for bounties,	~~8.50~~
F. D. Lyford, use of watering-trough and 1 day's work,	4.20
M. and D. Foss, labor and plank,	35.56
John Colby, labor, and use of watering-trough,	15.60
J. E. Pattee, labor on road, services supervisor, and use of watering-trough, 1883,	13.45
John W. Pattee, use of watering-trough, 1883,	2.00
Dexter Merrill, for labor on washout, 1883,	88.24
M. B. Cone, labor on road,	9.60
Daniel Peaslee, damage going through field,	5.00
H. H. Constantine, labor, and use of watering-trough,	6.40
C. P. Moulton, services as collector, 1881,	50.00
Caroline Fifield, poles for railing,	4.00

A. H. Kendall, money paid out for town business,	$3.40
Walter Sawyer, for plank in District No. 11,	3.42
John Sargent, in full to date,	2.46
Charles Hall, for labor on bridge,	3.25
John T. Clough, labor on bridge,	1.50
Joseph Parker, for support of Joanna Merrill,	24.51
Joseph Parker, services as overseer of the poor, 1883,	25.00
Wm. F. Mitchell, labor on road to date,	13.54
John A. Sanborn, services as town-clerk,	20.00
V. G. Durgin, services as supervisor, 1883,	4.50
Joseph Parker, support of county paupers,	25.00
A. Robie, labor on road, 1883,	3.24
Isaac Fox, " District No. 6,	8.00
Plummer Fox, plank, use of the town,	6.04
E. G. Guilford, services as superintending school committee, 1883,	10.00
Hiram Merrill, services as selectman, 1883,	30.50
A. H. Kendall, " " "	38.50
E. C. Broad, work on Waterville bridge,	4.15
Ephraim Elliott, for money paid out doing town business,	5.35
Ephraim Elliott, in full for services as chairman of board of selectmen,	59.00
Ephraim Elliott, labor on Sandwich road, labor and money paid out Waterville bridge,	10.80
E. G. Guilford, procuring and posting school notices,	3.00
George W. Fifield, services as treasurer for 1883,	30.00

GEORGE W. FIFIELD, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF OVERSEER OF POOR OF TOWN OF THORNTON,

FROM MARCH 1, 1883, TO MARCH 1, 1884.

Money received from my predecessor,	$3.70
" " town treasurer,	50.00
" " county treasurer,	205.93
	$259.63

PAID OUT FOR COUNTY PAUPERS.

Eugene Hart,	$52.00
Arthur Knowles,	63.42
Jacob Benton,	3.50
John Tucker,	40.10
Mrs. Benj. Fifield,	6.00
Worster Foss,	40.91
	$205.93

PAID OUT FOR TOWN PAUPERS.

Mrs. Joshua Merrill and family,	$24.51
Paid in to town treasurer,	25.49
Money in hands of overseer,	3.70
	$259.63

JOSEPH PARKER,
Overseer of Poor.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

We certify that we have critically examined the foregoing reports of the selectmen, treasurer, and overseer of the poor for the town of Thornton, and find the same correctly cast; but a few bills, amounting to $124.38, that are not vouched, but a receipt for the order was produced.

MOODY B. CONE,
JOHN L. BARNARD,
MIRON J. HAZELTINE,
Auditors.

SCHOOL REPORT.

To the Selectmen of the Town of Thornton:

In compliance with my duty I would beg leave to submit the following report:

DISTRICT NO. 1.

This school has the advantage of a new school-house in fine condition. The summer term was taught by Miss Mary A. Gorden. The school was orderly, and the progress of the pupils commendable. Length of term, 8 weeks; whole number of scholars, 23; average attendance, 20.

Roll of honor—Charlie Foss, Fred O. James, Frank M. Stafford, Estella Foss, Grace M. Gorden, Minnie James, Linnie James, Bertha James, Lillie Shores, Annie Thayer.

Second term taught by John A. Sanborn, who has had some experience as a teacher. The school appeared orderly, and those that attended regularly made good progress. Length of term, 10 weeks; whole number of scholars, 14; average attendance, 13.

Roll of honor—Grace M. Gorden, Lizzie M. Sanborn.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

The first term was taught by Miss Jeanie M. Kinsman, who has had quite an extensive experience. Her services were highly appreciated by the district, and their appreciation in the opinion of your committee was not misplaced. Of course the school was a success. Length of term, 8 weeks; whole number of scholars, 18; average attendance, 15.

Roll of honor—Nellie L. Cone, Nellie Mitchell, Irene L. Foss, Alice M. Hazeltine, Cora L. Colby, Nelson B. Cone, Elwood Elliott, Elmer O. Knowles.

Second term taught by Myron J. Hazeltine, who is an accomplished scholar, a faithful and successful teacher, and under such favorable circumstances this school should rank as the first school in town. In this rank I place it, and there it must remain so long as the people of the district are actuated by the same motives as at present. Length of term, 12 weeks and 3 days ; whole number of scholars, 20 ; average attendance, 18.5.

Roll of honor—Nelson B. Cone.

District No. 4.

Both terms taught by Miss Laura A. Whittemore. The teacher worked hard for this school, and if there was any failure it was not, in the opinion of your committee, on the part of the teacher. Length of first term, 8 weeks ; second term, 10 weeks ; whole number of scholars both terms, 17 ; average attendance, 15.

Roll of honor—First term, Frederick E. Cilley, Mary A. Carter, Addie M. Blake, Abbie E. Johnson. Second term, Mary A. Carter, Leon G. Straw.

District No. 5.

Two terms were taught by Nellie P. Bryant, whose reputation as a teacher is well established. The number of terms which the teacher has taught in this district proves that she has gained the love and confidence of both parents and pupils by her faithfulness. The scholars that attended through both terms made good progress in their studies, and some of them made very marked improvement. Length of first term, 8 weeks ; whole number of scholars, 14 ; average attendance, 12 ;—second term, 12 weeks ; whole number of scholars, 19 ; average attendance, 12.

Roll of honor—First term, Lulu Sawyer, Hattie Merrill, Lizzie Avery, Jessie Kendall.

District No. 6.

Two terms, taught by Lora L. Huntoon. The school is a small one, and consequently has the greater chance for improvement. When visited by your committee the scholars appeared orderly and disposed to improve their advantages. They answered the questions put to them promptly, and the teacher appeared to have exerted herself for the improvement of the pupils under her charge. Length of first term, 8 weeks; number of scholars 15.

Roll of honor—Alice E. Cone, Amy L. Hackett, Eva M. Hackett, Birge Pattee, Charlie Fifield, Georgie Huntoon, Vonie Huntoon, Anna Gillespie, Susie Gillespie.

Second term, 5 weeks, 2 tenths; whole number of scholars, 15.

Roll of honor—Alice Cone, Eva Hackett, Georgie Hackett, Minnie Gillespie, Gertie Gillespie, Susie Gillespie, Wilson Pattee, Birge Pattee, Roxanna Jones.

District No. 7.

This school was taught by Melvina L. James. The order of the school was excellent, showing that the instructor, to thorough practical instruction added energetic government, an essential point in the qualifications of a teacher. I consider the district fortunate in securing the services of Miss James. Length of school, 8 weeks; whole number of scholars, 18; average attendance, 14 15-16.

District No. 8.

First term taught by Miss Melvina L. James. This was her first effort in teaching. She was untiring in her labor for the benefit of the school, and the pupils made good improvement under her instruction. She earned her money. Length of term, 6 weeks; whole number of pupils, 12; average attendance, 10 19-20.

Roll of honor—Grace M. Lyford, Nettie M. Tyrell, Albert Lyford, Henry Lyford.

Second term taught by Callie C. Burbank. The school appeared well the first of the term; am unable to report the success of the school, as it closed unbeknown to your committee. Length of term, 7 weeks; whole number of pupils, 11; average attendance, 9.012 +.

District No. 9.

One term taught by Willis M. Sanborn. This was Mr. Sanborn's first effort in teaching: his qualifications were good enough for all branches in that school. On my first visit they appeared to be doing well. I made inquiries of some of the prominent men in the district, and they reported themselves satisfied, but the school closed for want of pupils. Length of school, 12 weeks; whole number of pupils, 22; average attendance, 18.

District No. 11.

One term taught by Miss Minnie E. James. This was her first effort in teaching, but it was a highly successful one. Good order, judicious rules, and promptness in recitations characterized the school when first visited. At its close there were evidences that the teacher had been faithful and energetic in the discharge of her duties. Let us retain, reward, and encourage our own promising young teachers. Length of school, 11 weeks; whole number of scholars, 11; average attendance, 9 81-110.

Roll of honor—Johnnie Brown, Wilber Gorden, Curtis Ham, Horace Plummer.

District No. 12.

One term. Here again we find Miss Kinsman, as full of ambition and energy as ever, untiring in her efforts for the advancement of her pupils. When visited, the school appeared well. Owing to the illness of the teacher your committee was unable to examine the school at its close, but

from report and knowledge of the teacher's ability we have no hesitancy in pronouncing the school one of the best in town.

In conclusion I will say the past year has been a successful one with our schools, with one or two exceptions, which failures can be attributed to no other source than the incompetency or oversight of your committee; but I sincerely think, as far as my knowledge extends, that the town has not been so successful in securing good teachers for the last thirty years as they have the year that is last past, and that our schools have made marked improvement. Our school money has been well and judiciously expended. Our children have rewarded our efforts with good behavior and attention to their studies. Your committee returns his sincere thanks to the prudential committees and teachers for their hearty coöperation in all that pertains to the interests of the schools.

It is useless for me to extend my remarks, as my opinions and ideas of what our schools should be have been printed a dozen times. I refer you to my reports in past years, and to my present statistical report to the honorable board of selectmen.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. G. GUILFORD,
S. S. Committee of Thornton.

February 29, 1884.